

NOTICE OF DRAFTPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing filed (insert date) 04/13/99 are:

A. not objected to by the Draftperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.

B. X objected to by the Draftperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 as indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings when necessary. Corrected drawings must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink. Color.

 Color drawing are not acceptable until petition is granted.

Fig.(s)

 Pencil and non black ink is not permitted. Fig(s)

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

 Photographs are not acceptable until petition is granted.

 3 full-tone sets are required. Fig(s)

 Photographs not properly mounted (must bristol board or photographic double-weight paper). Fig(s)

 Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s)

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

 Paper not flexible, strong, white and durable.

Fig.(s)

 Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not acceptable. (too thin)

 Mylar, vellum paper is not acceptable (too thin).

Fig(s)

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4)

 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)

 All drawings sheets not the same size.

Sheet(s)

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

 Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
SIZE: A4 Size

 Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
SIZE: 8 1/2 x 11

 Margins not acceptable. Fig(s)

 Top (T) X Left (L)

 Right (R) X Bottom (B)

6. VIEWS. CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes.

 Views connected by projection lines or lead lines.

Fig.(s)

 Partial views. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(2)

 Brackets needed to show figure as one entity.

Fig.(s)

 Views not labeled separately or properly.

Fig.(s)

 Enlarged view not labeled separately or properly.

Fig.(s)

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

 Hatching not indicated for sectional portions of an object.

Fig.(s)

 Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or

Roman numbers. Fig.(s)

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)

 Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned, so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s)

 Views not on the same plane on drawing sheet. Fig(s)

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k)

 Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.

Fig.(s)

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l)

 Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable and black (poor line quality).

Fig.(s)

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

 Solid black areas pale. Fig.(s)

X Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s)

 Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig(s)

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.

37 CFR 1.48(p)

 Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible.

Fig.(s)

 Figure legends are poor. Fig.(s)

 Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3) Fig.(s)

 English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3) Fig.(s)

X Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least .32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3) Fig.(s)

13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)

 Lead lines cross each other. Fig.(s)

 Lead lines missing. Fig.(s)

14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.48(t)

 Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals beginning with number 1. Fig.(s)

15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)

 Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig.(s)

16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w)

 Corrections not made from PTO-948 dated

17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

 Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig.(s)

 Solid black shading not used for color contrast.

Fig.(s)

COMMENTS

REVIEWER

DATE 05/14/99

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ATTACHMENT TO PAPER NO. 7

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REMINDER

Drawing changes may also require changes in the specification, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B, Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed. Please make such changes by 37 CFR 1.312 Amendment at the time of submitting drawing changes.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities--37 CFR 1.85

File new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. The application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application, should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(c). Applicant may delay filing of the new drawings until receipt of the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136. The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Review Branch.

2. Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit **acceptable** corrected drawings within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). If a correction is determined to be unacceptable by the Office, applicant must arrange to have acceptable correction resubmitted within the original three-month period to avoid the necessity of obtaining an extension of time and paying the extension fee. Therefore, applicant should file corrected drawings as soon as possible.

Failure to take corrective action within set (or extended) period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the Application.

3. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by the Drawing Review Branch on the Form PTO 948

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Drawing Review Branch, **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

ATTACHMENT TO AND MODIFICATION OF
NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY (PTO-37)

(November, 2000)

NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE PERMITTED TO FILE CORRECTED OR FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION, notwithstanding any indication to the contrary in the attached Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).

If the following language appears on the attached Notice of Allowability, the portion lined through below is of no force and effect and is to be ignored¹:

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. ~~Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).~~

Similar language appearing in any attachments to the Notice of Allowability, such as in an Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in a Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, is also to be ignored.

¹ The language which is crossed out is contrary to amended 37 CFR 1.85(c) and 1.136. See "Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals", 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, 54629, 54641, 54670, 54674 (September 8, 2000), 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 77, 99, 110, 135, 139 (September 19, 2000).